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The Grapevine

The school year is winding down and quickly coming to an end, are you counting down the days yet? On March 15 the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2022 was signed in to law. This law did not extend any of the current flexibility to USDA to grant nationwide waivers for their nutrition programs. Unless there is additional action taken by Congress, operations will return to normal beginning July 1, 2022.

Food Distribution Programs

This school year has brought many challenges with vendor order cancellations, price increases and unpredictable deliveries. With the substantial price increases CANS was unable to bring in as many truckloads of USDA Foods food this year as we have in the past.

Food orders have been placed for school year (SY) 22-23 with USDA based on an estimated entitlement amount for South Dakota. However, at this time there is still no word from USDA on how entitlement will be calculated for the next SY. We will keep you updated with information as we receive it.

The final order for the 21-22 SY opened in iCAN on April 4. There was very limited product available in the warehouse for this May delivery, and most of it was spoken for by the end of the first ordering day. We appreciate schools spending their entitlement and helping us clean out the warehouse in preparation for the next SY.

Child Nutrition Programs

As the school year comes to a close, it seems like more and more is happening around CANS. Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) applications are open, Supply Chain Assistance (SCA) Funds payments were made to schools, we are finalizing our summer training topics and hope that you will join us June 7 and 8 in Pierre, CEP reporting is well underway (and due by April 11), USDA is releasing guidance for the upcoming school year, and much more. You can find details on these items throughout the bulletin. Our Child Nutrition Programs are preparing to return to normal for Summer 2022 and School Year 2022-23 operations. As USDA releases guidance, we will be sure to inform all of our sponsors of what that will look like and how it will work.

Thanks for all that you do each and every day to serve and provide nutritious meals and foods to South Dakotans!

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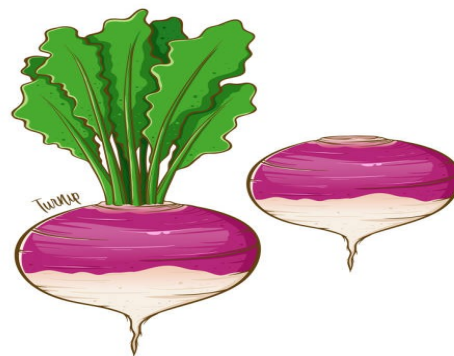
South Dakota Sponsor Spotlight!

Is your school or agency doing anything unique and interesting in your programs that you would like to share!? Do you want to be featured in our South Dakota Sponsor Spotlight segment!? Submit any pictures along with a summary of the exciting events that you're doing to DOE.SchoolLunch@state.sd.us.

Turnip the Beet 2021 Award Winners

Congratulations to Vermillion School District SFSP Program (SD) for the Gold award.

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) is pleased to announce the winners of the Turnip the Beet award for summer 2021. This award recognizes sponsors within the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) and the National School Lunch Program Seamless Summer Option (SSO) that go above and beyond program requirements to serve high-quality meals to children during the summer months. This year,



Red Cloud Geodesic Dome Greenhouse



This month the USDA Food and Nutrition Services and the South Dakota Department of Education visited Red Cloud Indian School. In SY 2020, Red Cloud Indian School was awarded a \$100,000 Implementation Farm to School Grant. Through season extension techniques, they are able to continue to supply through the winter and open the possibility of student participation in the farm throughout the school year while expanding the curriculum opportunity available to students in the geodesic dome greenhouse.

Check in with CANS Monthly Conference Call

Join us each month to **Check in with CANS** in the upcoming year! Each check in is normally scheduled for the first Thursday of every month at 2:30pm central time zone or 1:30 pm mountain time zone.

This check in is for all our Child Nutrition Program operators: School Nutrition Program, Child and Adult Care Food Program, and Summer Food Service Program. We invite our Food Distribution Program in Schools and our Procurement Specialists to also attend.

This check in is open to all agencies that are on our programs. Each check in starts with a report from CANS with hot topics, new guidance, program clarifications, and reminders of important dates. Every check in has time scheduled for you to ask questions. Minutes from each check in will be posted after the call is done on our DOE CANS website at <https://doe.sd.gov/cans/index.aspx> and occasionally these calls are recorded and posted for a short period of time.

Tentative Dates
Thursday, May 5
Thursday, June 2
Thursday, August 4
Thursday, September 1

Farm to School

Plant a seed and watch it grow!

School gardens have been around for over 100 years, and school districts continue to use them today to establish healthy eating habits; as educational tools in the classroom; and to promote community inclusion. This fact sheet for farm to school stakeholders provides examples of school gardens that have taken root, and resources to continue growth.



Check out the USDA's [School Gardens Fact Sheet](#) for more information.



CRASH COURSE *with* CANS

2021-22

• MEETING SCHEDULE •

THURSDAYS @ 2:30PM CT

- 8/19** Meal Counting & Claiming in SSO
- 9/23** CACFP iCAN Applications
- 10/14** Updates in Professional Standards
- 11/18** School Gardens / Farm to Everything
- 12/2** FSMC Contracts, Amendments, Monitoring
- 12/16** Planning for Summer Feeding
- 1/13** Breakfast in the Classroom - Expanding Breakfast Participation
- 1/27** SFSP Application, Required Training, Announcements
- 2/10** FDP Annual Surveys
- 2/24** FFVP Basics - How Do I Do it?
- 3/10** Procurement Plan - Prepping for Next Year's Purchases
- 3/24** CEP Reporting
- 4/21** Nonprogram Foods Basics AND MORE!
- 5/19** End of Year Report Guidance

School Nutrition Program

Procurement Q & A

Does the vendor with the lowest bid always get awarded the contract or agreement?

If the Bidder is qualified – yes. However, to be considered qualified, Bidders must be **responsive** and **responsible**, this is true for formal purchases and using the informal/3 bids and a buy method. If the Bidder meets these requirements, then the qualifying Bidder with the lowest bid will be awarded the contract.

A Responsive Bidder is a company/person who has submitted a bid that conforms and completely responds to all of your bid requests. A company that fails to fully **respond** to a bid request, can be disqualified for not being **responsive**.

A Responsible Bidder is a company/person who has the capability in all respects to perform the full contract requirements, and the integrity and reliability which will assure good faith performance. The requirements of a Responsible Bidder must be outlined in your bid request (along with the specifications).

A **responsible bidder** is defined by an agency/school in their bid request to the vendors. For example: Prompt response to school calls, emails, and faxes. Prompt billing within 30 or 60-days of shipment receipt. Notification before ordered items are substituted or not included in the shipment. Avoid the risk of being overly restrictive by not setting very strict deadlines. An example that may be considered overly restrictive by a vendor is if the vendor must respond to school calls, emails, or faxes within 8-12 hours.

If a vendor is disqualified for not being a **responsive/responsible** bidder, the determination must be clearly documented with enough detail to uphold a possible bid protest from vendors that don't receive the bid award. Document and keep on file all occurrences of poor customer service to support the disqualification.

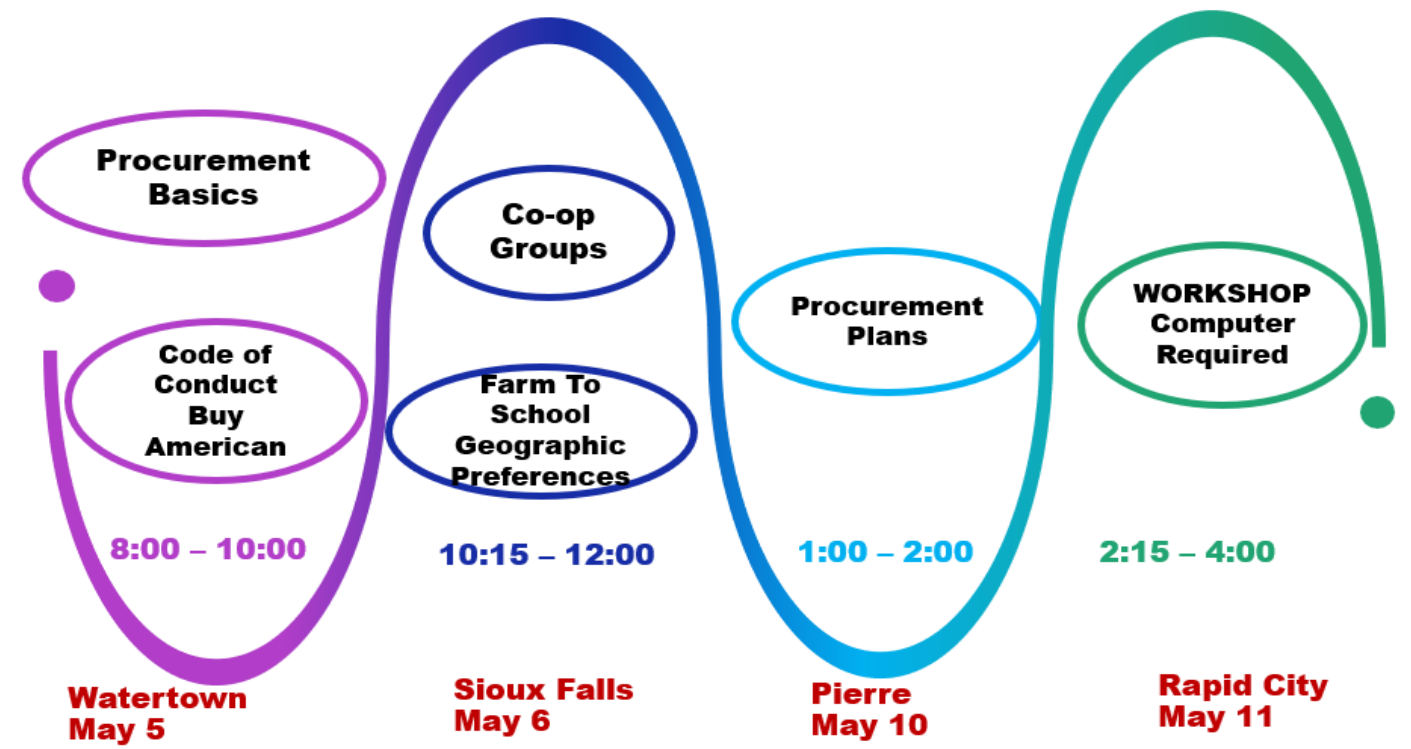
Poor performance history should not be used as a disqualifying matter indefinitely. A year or two may be acceptable, but vendors should be allowed an opportunity to demonstrate improvement. Be sure to involve your legal team when determining a Bidder as disqualified to avoid legal concerns.

Use this link for answers to other procurement questions:

<https://www.fns.usda.gov/cn/sp23-cacfp18-2021>

School Nutrition Program

Procurement Plan Workshop–



Schedule a training day with Child and Adult Nutrition Services

We will review:

- Procurement Basics
- Buy American
- Code of Conduct

We will learn:

- How Co-op Groups can assist your procurement process
- Guest speakers will share their experiences and expertise
- Farm To School practices including Geographic Preferences

We will work on:

- Procurement Plans – bring your laptop and we will get your Plan ship shape!!

Transitional Nutrition Standards for SY2022-23 & SY2023-24

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) [announced](#) school nutrition standards for the next two years (School Year (SY) 22-23 and SY23-24). The [new final rule](#) changes the 2012 nutrition standards for milk, whole grains and sodium:

Milk: Schools may offer low-fat (1%) and nonfat milk that is flavored or unflavored. The 2012 standards limited flavored milk to nonfat only.

Whole Grains: At least 80% of the grains served in school lunch and breakfast per week must be whole grain-rich, which means they contain at least 50% whole grains and the rest is enriched grains. The 2012 standards required 100% of grains served in school lunch and breakfast to be whole grain-rich.

Sodium: For SY 2022-2023, the sodium limit for school lunch and breakfast will remain at the limit that was in place prior to the pandemic (Target 1). For SY 2023-2024, the limit will decrease by 10% for school lunch only. The 2012 standards required a more significant decrease.

All other school nutrition standards – including fruit and vegetable requirements and overall calorie ranges – will remain the same as the 2012 standards.

USDA hosted a webinar on the Transitional Nutrition Standards on February 16, 2022 and they will post a recording (and the slide deck) on the [Nutrition Standards for School Meals](#) website.

For more background about school meals and the rulemaking process ahead, please explore these resources:

Webpage: [Building Back Better with School Meals](#)

Fact Sheet: [Child Nutrition Programs: Transitional Standards for Milk, Whole Grains, and Sodium](#) (PDF, 125 KB)

Infographic: [The Road Ahead: Building Back Better with School Meals](#) (PDF, 137 KB)

Infographic: [Ten Reasons to Build Back Even Better with School Meals!](#) (PDF, 95 KB)

The Final Rule is [open for comments](#) until March 24.

Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Program— 2022-2023 Application Request

If an elementary school from your district is interested in participating in the FFVP for SY22-23, please click the Application Request link and provide contact information. The contact person will be notified when applications become available.

[FFVP 2022-23 Application Request](#) ← Click

Schools currently participating in the FFVP will be automatically invited to complete an application for SY22-23, and would not need to request an application.

The Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program provides funds to elementary schools for purchase of fresh fruit and vegetable snacks.

The service of the FFVP must be provided during the school day, and not served in conjunction with other federal programs (cannot be served at the same time as breakfast, or lunch). Also, the service of fresh fruits and vegetables cannot be served with accompaniments (fruits and vegetables cannot be served with juice, milk, bread, etc.). FFVP dollars cannot be used to cover the cost of fruits and vegetable served at lunch or breakfast service. Additionally, the FFVP must be scheduled to be provided at least twice per week.



NOTE: All current FFVP participants will be automatically invited, once applications are available, and would not need to request an application.

Please feel free to contact Rob Ingalls (rob.ingalls@state.sd.us) with any questions; check out resources on the [CANS-FFVP webpage](#).

Save the Date Training Opportunity!

PATHWAYS TO SCHOOL NUTRITION



SD DOE CANS is pleased to announce our third annual “Pathways to School Nutrition” training. If you are a Food Service Director, Manager, School Nutrition Employee, or Business Manager this training is for you!

June 7-8

Come to Pierre for an in-person training at the
Ramkota Hotel

Stay tuned for more information!



Child & Adult Care Food Program

Updates & Reminders

- Please continue to complete CACFP trainings available on the [CACFP website](#) under the *CACFP Training Opportunities* tab. As a reminder, all program trainings need to be completed by September 30, 2022.
- If your site is not licensed with DSS, CANS will be in contact with you to become Alternately Licensed. This process costs \$90 and DPS will conduct the inspections.
- Return to normal operations:
 - Day care homes will return to their normal tiering reimbursement rates beginning July 1.
 - All currently approved waivers for non-congregate feeding and parent pick up will expire. Congregate meals must resume.
 - Transitional meal pattern standards: 1% flavored milk may be served in the CACFP to children over the age of 6, beginning July 1, 2022, with the transitional meal pattern standards.



Join Team Nutrition for free training webinars on hot topics related to the CACFP meal pattern requirements.

Upcoming Webinars

All webinars will be recorded and made available at a later date.

- **Thursday, May 5, 2022: Serving Adult Participants in the CACFP**
[English: 2-2:30 p.m. EST](#)
[Spanish: 3-3:30 p.m. EST](#)
- **Thursday, July 21, 2022: Breakfast Basics**
English: 2-2:30 p.m. EST (registration coming soon)
Spanish: 3-3:30 p.m. EST (registration coming soon)

Recorded Webinars

To view recordings of previous webinars, please visit the [CACFP Halftime: Thirty on Thursdays Recorded Webinars Page](#)

Summer Food Service Program

Updates & Reminders

- SFSP iCAN Applications are open! All applications must be approved prior to site operations.
 - The final deadline to have applications submitted by is June 1st to be eligible to participate in SFSP for 2021-2022.
- If you were not able to attend the required annual SFSP Administrative training, please visit the [SFSP website](#) under the *Training* tab for the [recording](#) and [quiz](#). Upon completion, a certificate will be emailed to you.
 - This training **MUST** be completed prior to your application approval.
- CANS Senior Secretary, Diana Webb, sent out an email to all SFSP Sponsors about the banners as there was a change to the number for the Summer Meals text service. CANS is looking to purchase patch covers to send to all sponsors, but we need the [survey](#) to be completed.
- CANS has applied and received approval from USDA for the following normal SFSP waivers: Meal Service Times, First Week Site Visit, and Closed Enrolled. We are still waiting for approval for OVS.
- Return to normal operations:
 - USDA has not issued any nationwide waivers for SFSP as this was not an allowable option for SY21-22 operations. With the expiration of waiver authority, SFSP will return to normal operations for Summer 2022.
 - All applications must be approved prior to site operations
 - All meals must be served in a congregate setting, no grab and go meals

Food Distribution Program

Summer Reminder

Many schools do not think about a freezer malfunction, but it can happen. **Freezer and cooler temperatures need to be monitored throughout the summer.** Start planning now how freezers and cooler temperatures will be monitored.

Last USDA Food Order for the 21-22 School Year

There is limited product on the May order form which will open Monday, April 4th and close on Monday, April 11th. This is the last opportunity to use school year 21-22 entitlement.

DoD Fresh/FFAVORS entitlement must be spent by June 30th. Check your account balance at the DoD Site (<https://www.fns.usda.gov/usda-foods/fresh-fruits-and-vegetables-order-receipt-system-ffavors>). Email Darcy Beougher at darcy.beougher@state.sd.us as soon as possible if you are not able to spend your DoD entitlement. DoD Fresh/FFAVORS entitlement is use it or lose it and other schools can benefit from additional DoD funding.



USDA Foods Database Update Coming this Spring: Delivering Nutrition Allergen, and Ingredient Information for USDA Foods in Schools

Starting in early 2022, vendors who make “brown box” USDA Foods in Schools will begin submitting nutrition, allergen, and ingredient information. This vendor-specific product information will be available this spring in the USDA Foods Database, allowing states and school districts to access this information. This information can help food service manage menu planning, meet USDA meal pattern requirements and nutrition standards, and provide safe meals for students with food allergies and other special dietary needs.

USDA will release the updated USDA Foods Database in **Spring 2022**. Stay tuned for more information when the database updates are launched.

The current USDA Foods Database can be found at: <https://www.fns.usda.gov/usda-fis/usda-foods-database>. This link will host the updated USDA Foods Database when it is available.

Program Policy Memos

Some policies have multiple numbers. That means those apply to multiple programs.

Child & Adult Care Food Program

Current policies can be found at <http://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp/policy>.

School Nutrition Programs (SP Memos)

Policies that apply to school operation and administration can be found at <http://www.fns.usda.gov/school-meals/policy>.

Summer Food Service Program

Policies can be found at <http://www.fns.usda.gov/sfsp/policy>.

Food Distribution

Food Distribution policies can be found at https://www.fns.usda.gov/resources?f%5B0%5D=resource_type%3A160&f%5B1%5D=program%3A35

COVID Waivers

To find a current list of the waivers that South Dakota has opted in to, you can visit the [CANS webpage](#) under the “USDA Waivers, Guidance, and Information—July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022” heading. Here, you will find a chart that lists all of the current waivers South Dakota is operating under.

Contact CANS

For any questions, comments, or concerns

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Professional Standards Reminder: Any learning or training you receive about any aspect of the School Nutrition Programs can be counted as training time towards the professional standards annual training requirement. Reading the bulletin each month does count towards training hours.

Please retain documentation to show what topics were trained. For example, agenda, topics, handbook, certificate, etc. And record training on a Tracking Tool – we suggest using the [SD Tracker Tool](#) posted on the CANS NSLP website.

To credit training hours for time spent reading the Nutrition Bulletin, you will need to keep track of the time you spent reading and determine the applicable training codes. Appropriate documentation for this would be a copy of the bulletin signed and dated with the amount of time written on it.